

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title SYNTHETIC NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULE COMPOSITIONS AND  
METHODS OF PREPARATION

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**PETITION FOR A FURTHER ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

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In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a further one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the final Office Action mailed September 13, 2006, said period of response being extended from February 13, 2007 to March 13, 2007.

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